

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON,  
NEW YORK HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 15, 2002 AT 8:00 P.M. VILLAGE HALL, 85 MAIN STREET,  
IRVINGTON, NEW YORK.**

Present: Dennis P. Flood, Mayor  
Garrard R. Beeney, Trustee  
Peter Derby, Trustee  
Richard J. Livingston, Trustee  
Stephen A. McCabe, Administrator  
Donald P. Marra, Deputy Administrator  
Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer  
Robert Mascianica, Supt. of Public Works  
Lino J. Sciarretta, Village Attorney's Office  
Daniel Raimondo, Police Lieutenant

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Flood who led the attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Flood opened the floor to public comment on matters not contained on the agenda of the regular meeting. A resident questioned how the decision would be made to renovate Town Hall and the Theater. Mayor Flood indicate that depending on the size of the project, the Board will decide or the public will decide at a referendum. Barbara Denyer discussed the merits of moving the Police Department out of Town Hall. Richard Ward questioned a tax bill received recently from the Town of Greenburgh. A resident requested "Dead End" signs to be installed at the entrance to the side streets off of Main Street to reduce the amount of people turning around at the end of the dead end streets. There were no further comments from those in attendance.

Trustee Beeney made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular and organizational meetings of the Village Board held on April 1, 2002. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livingston and unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood presented the Adele M. Warnock Good Citizenship Award to Betsy Griggs Wilson for her outstanding efforts within the community including the Irvington Historical Society and Irvington Landmark Preservation, Inc.

Mayor Flood read two communications, the first from Charlie Coddington regarding skate boarding. Mayor Flood indicated that the Board was considering a skating area in Matthiessen Park in the North end of the park. The second communication was from Carmella R. Mantello, Executive Director, Hudson River Valley Greenway indicating that Scenic Hudson Park had been officially designated as a Hudson River Water Trail site. A copy of each piece of correspondence is attached hereto as a part of these minutes.

Mayor Flood continued the public hearing on the tentative 2002-03 budget. He outlined the proposed budget including tax rate, expenditures, and revenues. B. J. Sanders asked about sponsoring trees at Scenic Hudson Park. Richard Ward questioned the proposed tax increase as being excessive. A resident asked about the status of the tax base. Clerk-Treasurer responded by indicating that the tax base modestly increased in size by less than 1%. After there were no further comments, Trustee Livingston made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Beeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Trustee Livingston made a motion to adopt the tentative 2002-03 budget as presented. Trustee Derby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood continued the public hearing regarding an application for a special permit to reconstruct the Metropolitan Transportation Authority former power station on South Astor Street into rental housing and an office. Mayor Flood provided background on the project. Lino Sciarretta provided some further background the project's approval process. Trustee Beeney provided further background on the project and indicated that the special permit and affordable housing agreements were nearly complete and required the finalization of 6 particular items.

The floor was opened up to comments from those in attendance. Jonathan Siegel questioned what the next step if the Village Board approved it. John Saraceno of Astor Street Associates indicated that final site plan and subdivision approval was still required from the Planning Board. Doug Wilson asked if there would be any exterior change to the building. Mr. Saraceno indicated that other than removing the electrical towers on the façade of the building, all of the work was internal. Nikki Coddington asked what Westchester County's quota for affordable housing was. Village Administrator Stephen McCabe indicated that it was 35 units. Doug

Wilson asked why four units have been designated as affordable. John Saraceno indicated that economically, that is the number that this project could support. After there were no further comments, Trustee Derby made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Trustee Livingston made a motion approve the special permit subject to the final resolution of the 6 items discussed by Trustee Beeney. Trustee Beeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood opened the public hearing for a proposed local law regarding rules and regulations for all Village parks. A resident asked about the use of wheels in the parks. Supt. of Parks and Recreation Joe Archino indicated that his department was currently working with the Board to formulate a program to allow the use of wheels in the park. Nikki Coddington asked how the rules would be publicized. Mr. Archino indicated that proper signage would be installed. Barbara Denyer asked about whether stakes could be used for proper installation of the trees. Mr. Archino indicated that planting stakes would still be used since they would not penetrate the protective clay liner. Ms. Coddington discussed biking on the parkland behind the reservoir and Halsey. After there were no further comments, Trustee Beeney made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livingston and unanimously approved.

Trustee Livingston made a motion to adopt the local law regarding rules and regulations for all Village parks. Trustee Beeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood opened the public hearing regarding a local law to increase the membership of the Tree Preservation Commission from three to five members. Mayor Flood provided some background on the proposal. There was no further discussion on the proposed local law. Trustee Livingston made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Derby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Trustee Livingston made a motion to adopt the local law as presented. Trustee Derby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer provided some background on proposed change order #2 with Cygrec Contracting in the amount of \$5,761.14 for the Senior Center Addition. Trustee Beeney made a motion to approve the change order. Trustee Derby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood announced that a public hearing would be held to consider a local law to increase the membership of the Recreation Commission from five to seven.

Mayor Flood made the following Trustee liaison assignments: Beeney: Police, Open Space/Land Use; Livingston: Insurance, ECB, ARB, Water, GUARD; Milano: Theater, Building Inspector, Recreation, School, CAB; Derby: Fire, DPW, Library.

Trustee Livingston announced the installation of Chief Tarricone, Chief Ruffler, and Chief Roy in the Irvington Fire Department. He also summarized the recent meeting of the Architectural Review Board. He also outlined the activities of the Department of Public Works including Village-wide spring cleaning. Trustee Livingston also discussed an effort by a resident regarding autism research.

Trustee Beeney announced that a "First Pitch" ceremony would be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to commemorate the official opening of the ball fields at Scenic Hudson Park for Recreation Department league play. He also discussed the ongoing camp registration and the upcoming Land Use Committee meeting to be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk-Treasurer Lawrence Schopfer requested a motion to designate the Gannett Journal News and the Rivertowns Enterprise as co-official newspapers for the Village. Trustee Livingston made such a motion. Trustee Derby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Lawrence Schopfer outlined an agreement with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding an automated hunting and fishing licensing program (DECALS). Trustee Beeney made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize Clerk-Treasurer Lawrence Schopfer to execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livingston and unanimously approved.

Trustee Livingston made a motion for the Board to adjourn to executive session to take up legal and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beeney and unanimously approved.

Upon reconvening from executive session, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer

Attachments